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NOTICE TO FILE CORRECTED APPLICATION PAPERS

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This application has been accorded an Application Number and Filing Date. The application, however, is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to correct the informalities indicated below. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a)

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Substitute drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 because:
 - drawings contain excessive text. Suitable descriptive legends may be used, or may be required by the Examiner where necessary for understanding of the drawing but should contain as few words as possible (see 37 CFR 1.84(o));

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PATENT APPLICATION

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In re Application of:)	
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Appln. No.: 09/917,833)	
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Filed: July 31, 2001)	
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For: BUS MANAGER AND CONTROL)	
APPARATUS FOR MULTIFUNCTION	:	
DEVICE HAVING SAID BUS)	
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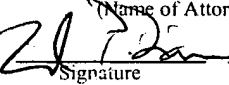
RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE CORRECTED
APPLICATION PAPERS - FILING DATE GRANTED

Sir:

This is in response to the NOTICE TO FILE CORRECTED
APPLICATION PAPERS - FILING DATE GRANTED mailed August 13, 2001, a copy of
which is enclosed.

Applicants partially traverse the requirement for new drawings. While
Applicants agree that the drawings as filed contain a large amount of textual material, they

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find themselves unable to agree that the amount is "excessive", as stated in the Notice.

Nearly all of the textual material is either (1) labeling of blocks in block diagrams (Figs. 2, 3C and 4, for example), (2) labeling of signals or pins of integrated circuit chips (as in Figs. 6 - 8, for example), (3) labeling of a step in a process shown in a flowchart (Figs. 5, 9 and 10, for example), or (4) labeling of lines in a timing chart (Fig. 12, for example).

Such labeling as this is normal in U.S. patent drawings in the electrical and software fields. Moreover, Applicants note that in their related Application No. 09/917,715, filed on the same date as the present application and containing the identical drawings, no objection was entered to the drawings, either by IPED or by the Examiner. Accordingly, it is not seen that the textual matter in the drawings is too great to permit the application to be processed properly for publication.

Accordingly, withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

Nonetheless, since the labeling in Figs. 1 and 55 does not fall into any of the categories listed above and does not appear to be necessary to an understanding of the drawing, new Figs. 1 and 55, omitting that labeling, are submitted herewith (2 sheets), together with red-marked copies of the original sheets to show the changes made.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-1205.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,


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